

Departmental Short-Term and Long-Term Strategic Issues

Department: Social Services

FY2007

Short-Term Issues: List critical issues facing the department now and through the next couple fiscal years.

- Increase in Adult Protective Service (APS) and Child Protective Service (CPS) complaints and the increase in the number of children in Foster Care.
- Increase in the number of children in need of permanent adoption homes.
- Increase Federal Day Care funding.
- Increase in all Public Assistance Programs.
- Increase in administrative cost without State matching funds.
- Increase in diverse population as well as the need for interpreter services.

Long-Term Issues: List major issues or trends that may confront the department beyond the next couple fiscal years.

- Increase in aged population will place higher demands on need for medical services (Medicaid), out of home care (Nursing Home & Adult Care Centers), protective services, guardianship providers, etc.
- Increased need for services and public assistance with no defined plan for proportional staff increases.
- Experienced employees retiring and leaving the system, therefore department is faced with gaps in knowledge and efficiency.
- Implementation of the Program Improvement Plan for the Federal Child & Family Services Review.
- Increase in diverse population as well as the need for interpreter services.